

Teaching is a rewarding and fulfilling career. Teachers forge meaningful relationships with students and create safe and engaging learning environments where youth can thrive both academically and social-emotionally. Not only do teachers play a tremendous role in child development and learning, but they also lead by example, serve as role models, challenge the status quo, and work to dismantle systems of oppression and inequities that exist within our schools and communities.

Did you know that students of color make up 38% of our student population in Minnesota, yet only 7% of our state's teachers are teachers of color? This under-representation of teachers of color in our schools is a significant contributing factor to the state's opportunity and resource gap. Teaching is an impactful pathway for individuals committed to working together to build community and empower youth. Teaching is a legacy; make it yours.

## **Scholarship Overview:**

- Up to \$10,000-\$40,000 per year in scholarship funds for tuition and fees; amount based on financial need. Renewable for 1-2 years.
- Up to \$15,000 for room and board in dormitories on campus, and other living expenses such as books and transportation. Renewable for 1-2 years. Note, taxes may apply for funds awarded beyond tuition and fees.
- Receive support, mentorship, and internship opportunities.
- Pathway for Bachelor of Science and initial MN elementary teacher licensure or special education teacher licensure (special education is pending approval, expected May 2024).

## To Be Eligible:

- Desire to become a licensed teacher,
- Demonstrated financial need,
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher for all credits earned to date,
- Admittance into the St. Thomas undergraduate bachelor program as well as the School of Education with intent to major in special education or elementary education.
- Sophomore, Junior, or Senior status school year 2024-25.

## **Key Dates:**

- April 1, 2024 May 15, 2024
  Scholarship application open
- End of May 2024
   Finalist candidate interviews scheduled
- By June 1, 2024
   Scholarship recipients notified

## **Questions? Contact:**

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